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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Applicants' continued duty of disclosure, the documents on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a are brought to the Examiner's attention. Copies of the non-US-patent documents are enclosed. Per MPEP 609.04(a) III, also enclosed is a copy of the English translation (prepared by the agent prosecuting the related Japanese application) of the Office Action in which said documents are cited.

JP 2001526545 abstract is submitted herewith along with its family member PCT WO 98/53711.

The undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

The undersigned submits the above-identified references for independent consideration by the Examiner and does not make any admission that these references are or are not material to the present invention or that these references are or are not prior art with respect to the present invention.

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